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LONDON AUTHORISED AMETHYST'S ESCAPE

AMETHYST DUE WEDNESDAY

By IAN MOFFITT
(Telegraph Staff
Reporter)

Aboard HMS Jamaica, August 1.—HMS Amethyst is expected to reach Hongkong on Wednesday morning.

The most excited of the 700 men on board the Jamaica are 25 ratings and three officers who are going to meet their comrades in the Amethyst. They were among the party which carried wounded men from the ship overland after Communist batteries crippled her on April 26.

Last night I attended a Thanksgiving Service for the Amethyst in this city's cinema. "Be Thou My Guardian and My Guide" was the pertinent hymn chosen.

There is great excitement aboard at the prospect of meeting the Amethyst and large stacks of mail are ready parcelled for the frigate's mail-starved sailors.

We are expecting to rendezvous with the Amethyst tonight.

Communist Reaction Likely To Be Bitter

London, July 31.—Lieutenant-Commander, J. S. Kerans, Commander of the British sloop Amethyst, was authorised to make the ship's spectacular escape from Communist captivity on the Yangtse River yesterday "in view of persistent Communist refusal to give the ship normal facilities and a safe conduct," it was announced today.

According to a joint statement by the British Foreign Office and the Admiralty, the authority was given because after three months the Commander "had not succeeded in obtaining a safe conduct upon acceptable terms and the conditions for the ship's company were steadily deteriorating."

The Communist authorities have refused to discuss the responsibility for the April shelling of the Amethyst with the British Ambassador at Nanking, the statement said.

CONDITIONS ON BOARD

Instead, local Communist military authorities made the "unacceptable demand" that Lieutenant-Commander Kerans sign a document admitting British responsibility for the incident in return for a safe conduct, it added.

Because of his refusal the stricken ship with the 60 remnants of her crew was detained 100 miles northwest of Shanghai for three months "under almost intolerable conditions of heat and confinement."

The Amethyst had been held captive since April 26, nine days after she first came under Communist shore battery attack "while proceeding to Nanking on a humanitarian mission on behalf of the foreign community," in the statement's words.

A major battle ensued when the cruiser—London, the sloop Black Swan and the destroyer Consort tried to fight their way up the river to her rescue.

Total casualties in the four vessels included 44 dead. "The British authorities always have been and still are ready to discuss responsibility for the April incident on an appropriate level," the statement said.

HEAVY FIRE

The Amethyst came under heavy fire at least twice and once was "compelled to reply in self-defence," during the seven and a quarter hours in which she ran the gauntlet of Communist guns on her 150-mile passage to freedom at the mouth of the Yangtse, it was disclosed today.

Naval quarters stated that the crucial part of the escape came when she had to break through a boom, the strength of which was uncertain. Her speed at this time is thought to have been "well over 20 knots."—Reuter.

REPRISALS LIKELY

Shanghai, July 31.—Happening of Shanghai's foreign colony over the escape of the British frigate Amethyst is so far untempered by fear of reprisals from the Communists against the British caught in China.

This is not because the British have no fear of reprisals—they think that Communist reaction is extremely probable and likely to take an unpleasant form—but for the moment the British and all foreigners are so glad that the Amethyst got away that there is an attitude of "Let come what may."

Many British first learned of the Amethyst's escape during church services this morning. (Continued on Page 5)

Held Without Sleep For Over 20 Hours

Shanghai, July 31.—Mr Reuben Thomas, U.S. Consulate Administrative Officer, has been held in a room of the Consulate for more than 20 hours without sleep by approximately 100 former local employees of the U.S. Navy.

Claiming severance pay and bonuses of six and a half months' wages, the former employees—Chinese, Indians and Whites—swarmed into the Consulate General building on July 29.

While permitting most Consulate employees to come and go freely, the former Navy employees have confined Mr Thomas, the Acting Consul General, Mr Walter McConaughy, and the Naval Slayton, Commander Morgan.

At 3.00 p.m. on Saturday, Mr Thomas entered a room on the first floor of the six storey building to discuss the case with the claimants. He has not been permitted to leave since. Food and water have been supplied to him, but he was not allowed to sleep on Saturday night, as delegations of workers questioned him constantly in relays.

Meanwhile, Mr McConaughy and Cmdr. Slayton have been held on upper floors of the building but have been permitted to move about so long as they do not try to leave.—Associated Press.

More Russian Charges Of U.S. Spying

Moscow, July 31.—The Soviet Army newspaper Red Star today described the recent American archaeological expedition to study the remains of Noah's Ark as "a new spying enterprise on the borders of Soviet Armenia."

The expedition, included American officers, State Department officials and experts on the Middle East, and their guide was "an Iranian general and former war minister," the Red Star said.

"These American secret agents and State Department officials who masquerade as Alpinists and archaeologists can hardly claim to be original. These parts of the world—Mount Ararat and the Turkish-Soviet border—have seen such mountaineering spies before."

On Tuesday, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported that a Soviet archaeological and geographical expedition, had set out for Soviet America to carry out investigations in the Caucasus.—Reuter.

Ginger Rogers' Separation

Hollywood, July 31.—The film actress Ginger Rogers and her husband, Jack Briggs, have separated after six years of marriage. Her mother, Mrs. Lela Rogers, disclosed that the break-up had occurred. Miss Rogers, who is 37, has been married twice before.—Reuter.

ON THEIR WAY TO HONGKONG



The 1st Battalion, King's Own Scottish Border Regiment, is on its way to Hongkong in the troopship, Devonshire. Here are some of the men of the Battalion enjoying a little music by their pipers on board just before sailing from Liverpool 12 days ago.

State Dept. Pressed To Review Far East

Washington, July 31.—Informed officials said American military leaders were principally responsible for the Administration's decision to conduct an intensive review of the Far Eastern situation in an effort to formulate a positive United States policy against Communism in Asia and the Pacific.

TUMULT AT SYDNEY MEETING

Sydney, July 31.—Hopes of ending Australia's six-week-old coal strike receded today when the Mining Union's Council threw out plans to take a "back-to-work" vote at miners' mass meetings.

Moderate leaders walked out when their proposal was rejected. Tumult broke out at a Sydney meeting held by the Labour Party to urge the miners to return, at which the Immigration Minister, Mr Arthur Calwell, said a concentration camp was "the best place" for Communist henchmen.

Interruptions tried to hound the speakers and cut amplifier cables.

Mr Calwell predicted that miners in the northern New South Wales coalfields would be back by August 30.

"This is an anti-Australian strike," he said. "The Communists want to smash the arbitration system, but they will not be allowed to succeed—we will smash them first."

CONFIDENCE VOTE

"This is a fight between the labour movement and the Labour Government on the one hand and Communist saboteurs on the other. It is a fight which the Government must win," Mr Calwell said.

The meeting passed a resolution of confidence in the handling of the strike by the State and Federal Governments.

When Mr W. Blair, Acting President of the Coal-Mining Union's Council, walked out with his group of delegates from the Council conference, representatives of the strikers, colliery mechanics and others followed suit.—Reuter.

RAF Officer And Wife Killed

Singapore, July 31.—Flight Lieutenant William John Baser, of the Royal Air Force station at Tengah, and his wife were killed and 17 Ceylonese soldiers of the Royal Pioneer Corps were injured here today in a head-on collision between the officer's car and the soldiers' truck.

Nine soldiers were detained in hospital.—Reuter.

These officials said the Secretary of State's decision, with Presidential approval, to appoint a commission to review the Asian situation and make recommendations on policy in that area was prompted to a considerable extent by pressure from the Defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, and other military officials.

The United States' Joint Chiefs of Staff and others concerned with long-range defence plans have long felt they should have some more clearly defined policy framework within which to work out their strategic plans. This pressure has been supplemented by increasing Congressional criticism of State Department policy in China as the tide of Communism swept farther south in that country.

There has also been an awakening of public interest in the subject, although it would be untrue to say the majority of the people share the opinion of severe Congressional critics of American policy.

FIRST EFFORT

While the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, has recognized the criticism of American policy in Asia to the extent of appointing a commission to look into the situation, his officials warn against expecting this to lead to any dramatic developments.

Instead, as far as the Administration is concerned, the next month or two will be devoted to exhaustive efforts to acquaint the American public and Congress with all facts of American relations in Asia.

The first effort along this line will be publication of the White Paper on Sino-American relations. The State Department intends to bring this out within the next two weeks despite Chinese Nationalist protests that it may give aid and comfort to the Chinese Communists.

The second step, timed to follow publication of the White Paper, will be confidential testimony by Mr Acheson before Congressional committees on the Far Eastern situation, with particular reference to China. The committees will follow observations and recommendations of a commission composed of Dr Philip Jessup, Ambassador at large, Mr Everett Case, president of Colgate University, and Dr Raymond Fosdick of the Rockefeller Foundation. It has been pointed out they will make no single report on their conclusions but will provide constant advice to Mr Acheson on the subject of Asian relations.

CHINA EXCLUDED

Apart from the White Paper on China, there is no indication at present just how much more "expert" information on China

will be made public. It is expected, however, that the State Department will release any material it believes pertinent.

State Department officials concede that after this programme of "educating" Congress and the public on Asian affairs the Administration might unfold some new and more positive policy in Asia. However, their attitude clearly indicates they do not expect anything of this nature with regard to China.

Barring Congressional action in forcing American aid to China over Administration protests, it is expected the United States will stand on Mr Acheson's assertion that any further assistance is "unfeasible." Most military officials have insisted for some time that further arms aid to Nationalist China is useless and that it should be written off from strategic calculation within the foreseeable future. They also feel Korea is in an indefensible position, but have been willing to accept the State Department's position.

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Viking Ship Rowed Up River Thames

London, July 31.—Hundreds of townspeople and holiday makers stood in heavy rain to see the Viking ship, Hugin, towed into Chatham Dockyard, where she was moored near some of the Royal Navy's most modern vessels.

The 53 "Vikings" after lunching as the guests of the three Services, rowed their ship up the River Thames to Rochester Pier, where large crowds again welcomed them. The Mayor of Rochester, Alderman E. Washford, gave them a civic welcome beneath the Norman Keep. They had tea as the guests of the Rochester Cruising Club and then visited the ancient Norman Cathedral, being received by the Dean of Rochester, the Very Reverend T. Crick.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

A Valuable Conference

THE meeting of Britain's Middle East diplomats at the Foreign Office in London, which ended last week, served a valuable, if not spectacular, purpose. Understandably, little of what went on at the conference has been disclosed, the official communiqué issued afterwards stating merely that "a full and free exchange of information and views" had taken place. Officials of other Government departments, such as the Treasury, and the heads of the three services were called in as needed, and the conference must have been useful in clarifying and reaffirming British policy in an area whose stability is essential to western security. The last such conference on the Middle East took place in 1945. The situation has changed considerably since then, and no doubt the new problems received due consideration in the discussions. Broadly, Britain's policy in the Middle East countries is to build up their strength, both economic and political, to ensure that they are safe from internal disorder and external aggression. This is by no means an easy policy to pursue, owing to the rivalries of the various countries—always present, but aggravated since the war by the establishment of Israel—and the refractory attitude frequently displayed by some, at least, of their governments. As in other backward and undeveloped areas, the gulf between haves and have-nots in the Middle East is a wide one: a small section of the population is very rich, while a much bigger section is very poor. Such social inequalities make a fertile breeding ground for Communism, and the only way to avoid Communist agitation and its unpleasant results is by an improvement in living standards. This can seemingly be achieved only by outside pressure and aid. British

attempts in this direction since the war have met with many rebuffs and setbacks; France has been unable to contribute much, and America has shown little inclination to assist. The Middle East countries themselves have never appeared to be much interested in the welfare of the masses; they have neither co-operated with each other nor with the west. There are, of course, extenuating circumstances. The Middle East, never a stable region, has been in a state of turmoil since the start of the Israeli campaign; the western countries have had their hands full elsewhere and, apart from Palestine, have neglected this potential danger spot. Fortunately there are signs that this neglect is not to be allowed to continue. The American State Department recently announced that the newly-appointed Ambassador to Egypt was to tour irrigation and land reclamation projects in the United States before taking up his appointment. "In view of the tremendous interest of Middle East countries in such projects," there have been Anglo-French meetings recently to discuss ways and means of co-operating in the economic and social advancement of the Middle East. In the Middle East itself, the prospect of Israel and her Arab neighbours living together in peace seems to be improving. This is a most essential factor for the stability of the area, and western efforts must be aimed at an international agreement on Israel's boundaries, and a suitable solution of the Arab refugee problem. The task is too much for Britain alone; the only answer is greater co-operation between the three western powers, Britain, France and the United States, and the Middle East countries themselves.



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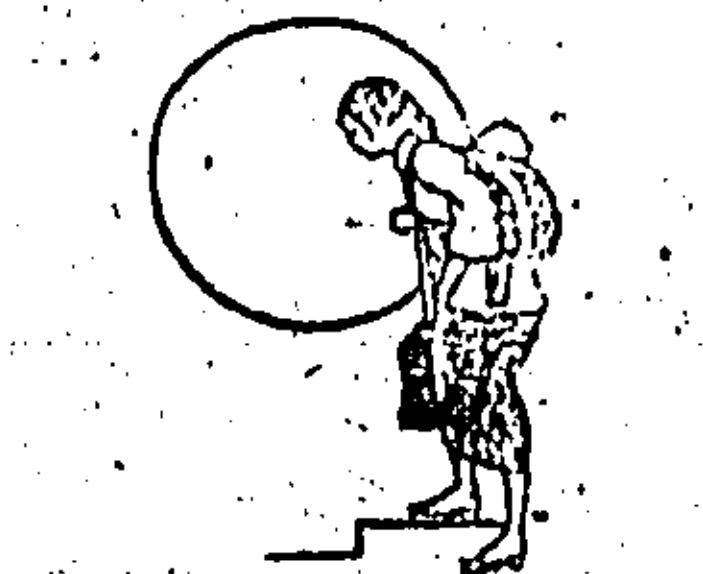
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WOMANSENSE

Out Of The Trash Pile —Into The Living Room

By ELEANOR ROSS

OUT of the trash pile into the living room is the literal theme of a project undertaken by the home furnishing designer.

Here we cite an example for any home-maker. Once a group of girls came upon a discarded wing chair sitting forlornly on a trash pile. Back they lugged it for treatment by the carpenter who strengthened it with nails. Then the girls glued it, cut off the high hump and the back, and when the dimensions were to their liking, they did a rewebbing job, tied the springs and covered it with inexpensive red sailcloth.

No lamp tables were at hand, so the resourceful young

women used curved, unpainted corner bookcase units. These were finished to match the greenish-gray pickled effect with which the done-over oak living room furniture had been refinished.

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As for the lamps, well, they began life as fruit-juice tins, piled end to end and treated with a special material, a powder mixed with water and allowed to dry. When dry, the

effect is a ceramic-like coating that is a real eye-fooler. Anyway, the tins and the illumination made for handsome lamp bases topped with shades of woven raffia.

Old man's cloth was used for handsome living room draperies, pressed into wide pleats, with two of the pleats carried around to camouflage exposed vertical pipes at one side of the window.

For another fine example of ingenuity we commend a call-corded dressing table in the main bedroom, that started off as orange crates. And a handsome pair of bedside tables resulted from sawing an old typewriter table in two, and fitting a single panel support of plywood to each legless end.

The girls saw the dinette as a little sitting room, a place where mother could relax for a bit. A group of two cabinets, a chest and a hutch top were painted and stenciled in delightful designs. A new finish said to be heat and moisture and wear resistant was used for the dinette table. For a nursery group, there is a pretty bassinet and a cute little table made by adding legs to the tray from an old high chair. All in all, it's a heart-warming affair and speaks well for the up-and-coming generation!

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VENETIAN blinds not only fill their proper function most successfully, but they offer all sorts of fine possibilities for original touches, those little so-called "decorator" tricks that set a room, a piece of furniture, an accessory, apart from its plain fellows.

First of all, there are tapes of various colours, so that you can tie them in nicely with a dominant colour or tie under one in your room scheme. If the tapes are white, maybe you'd like to know that liquid white shoe polish is one of the best ways to bring back the lily white look to white venetian blind tapes.

Ribbon can give a spiffy feeling to your venetian blinds if you wind it round and round the tape like a candy cane. A variation on this theme are the wonderful "ruffling" boudoir blinds can look as demure as a doll's house with dainty ruffling basted in a jiffy onto the venetian blind tapes. And double sets of tapes on each side of an especially wide venetian blind is an effective method of drawing attention to the top fashion feeling of the "picture window."

EVE (28 ATLANTIC CROSSINGS) TO WED



Bathroom, A Dream Come True

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD. ROBERT Cummings has designed a new kind of bathroom in his new home which he claims is an answer to an "impractical, non-utilitarian blight on American life."

Cummings' bathroom of the future has no door between it and the bedroom, has a mirror built out over the sink and includes a steam bath, exercise room and workshop.

"The bathroom is one of the most important rooms in the house," Cummings said. "People have never given it any thought. Embarrassed to mention it to their architects, I guess."

Cummings, who plays an inventor in the Universal-International movie "Free For All," designed his own bathroom in his new 10,500-square foot mansion.

"The average bathroom is a monstrosity in miniature," he said. "Mine is a dream come true."

There are no doors between bathroom, bedroom and dressing room for Cummings.

Temperature Even

"People shouldn't expose themselves to colds by going from a hot bathroom to a cold bedroom, or vice versa," he said. "With no door between, there's no difference in temperature."

The walls of the entire room are of marble, a white marble, "to get away from the ugly joints and cracks in tile."

The worst thing about shaving in Cummings' life, is bending down to lean over the mirror. Cummings now has the mirror built over the sink so he can stand up straight as he carves.

In the wall of the bathroom is Cummings' workshop. It pulls down to disclose a workbench with electric drill, soldering iron, vice and vacuum to clean up.

"My wife always has some odds and ends to be mended, he explained. "I hate to get dressed so I'll just do all my flit work in this nice comfortable bathroom."

"If I installed a small grill, I could take my holidays right here,"—United Press.

TO MARRY: girl who has logged more than a thousand flying hours with British South American Airways, 28 Atlantic crossings, as a "Star Girl" since February last year. She is Eve Huntley-Flindt, 34, who was in the cast of Bless the Bride, and before that in the WRNS. The bridegroom: Edward Branson, 1939 Cambridge swimming captain and son of Sir George Branson, PC.

(—London Express Service)

Flattened Arches One Bad Result of Pronated Feet

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

MANY children are a source of worry to their parents because they have pronated feet. In this condition the feet turn outward and the arch flattens. A child whose feet are in this condition tends to bear most of his weight on the inner edge of the feet rather than on the outer side where the weight is normally carried.

Parents need not be concerned if the child's shoes show that more wear occurs on the outer half of the heel and sole than on the inner part, according to studies at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Treatment

If the pronated feet are not causing symptoms and the foot is completely movable, but the wear occurs mostly on the inner half of the heel and sole, the condition is treated by wearing shoes which have a rigid shank. The inner borders of the shoe are raised, thus forcing the weight in the outer edge of the foot. This type of treatment is usually all that is necessary.

As a general rule, the putting of felt pads or steel plates into the shoes to raise the arch is of little value in cases of this type.

Padded Borders To Cloche, Bonnet, In Feather Types

IN addition to its collection of feather fanes, Sylvia Sims is currently showing a group of all feather hats. The majority are of plumage, with occasional variations of plumage and huckle, coq with ostrich or hats of "skirts."

There are several caps among them, one with side point extending over the cheek, this in white plumage with aigrette, fancy, others are studded with brilliants and veiled.

Bonnets and cloches, many with a bumper-like border, cut close to the head, are liked, one in brown plumage which is given height at one side by an upstanding bird wearing a necklace of brilliants.

A half-bonnet of pink plumage is very young, with flat cut out and huckle, fancy at one side. Curled "wings" of feather outline a sea green cloche.

Furthermore if such pads are used, it may be necessary for the child to wear a shoe larger than is needed for good fitting.

To Strengthen Muscles Exercises are often suggested to strengthen and develop the foot muscles, but they are seldom practical because, to accomplish a satisfactory result, many hours a day must be devoted to exercises. Very few children will spend the majority of their playtime exercising the feet and it is useless to expect them to do so.

Sometimes pronated feet may be painful to such a degree that an operation is needed to relieve the difficulty. The operation to be employed depends upon the extent of the disorder. Usually, some type of procedure is used which fastens the bones of the feet. Then, casts are applied which are removed after a period of from six to eight weeks. The operation serves to restore the normal position of the arches of the feet.

It is a good plan to have the child's feet carefully examined as soon as he begins to stand and walk, and at regular six-month intervals thereafter. If any severe condition is present, it often may be corrected by early treatment without operation.

If these foot conditions are neglected, not only may the feet become painful, but surgery may be required for permanent relief.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

WHEN you are planning your dinner, remember that your range has only three or four surface units and only one oven. You can't bake a dessert if you have to broil steaks at the same time, so plan your meals to make a regular cooking order.

An electric fan in the house is useful the year round. Set it in the basement window to drive out the steamy atmosphere of washday. Let the fan face the open window. Use the fan in the same way in your kitchen, or to quick-cool hot foods. Air out a closet or

wardrobe by setting the fan on the floor.

If you discover pests in your pantry, burn all contaminated food, wash the cupboards thoroughly with hot, soapy water, and use a good insecticide spray lavishly.

Never use hot water when washing blankets or you will spoil them. Lukewarm suds and rinsings should be used. A small quantity of glycerine in the last rinse will help keep blankets soft.

"Why don't you paint?" they asked. So she did



FANNY HOLTZMANN
Had time on her hands.

Woman lawyer

IN a West End hotel, Fanny Holtzmann, known as the world's most successful woman lawyer (most Hollywood stars are among her clients), had time on her hands. An artist friend lent her paints and brushes.

That was towards the end of the war. Fanny (in her forties) had never painted before. Now she is the only American to have had her work collected from many hundreds of pictures for the 17th annual exhibition of "Artists of Fame and of Promise" opened on July 15 at London's Leicester Galleries.

Fellow exhibitors include Augustus John and Raoul Dufy. Works of Sickert and Monet are also on view.

G.B.S. said—

Both her pictures are park scenes in New York, where she lives, contrasting the gaunt grey lines of the skyscrapers with the lively, colourful life in the streets below.

Noel Coward and Ivor Novello each possess one of Fanny Holtzmann's paintings, but these were gifts from the artist.

Prices are not yet definitely fixed, but they are around the £52 10s. mark.

Gallery director Cecil Phillips remarked: "They are excellent pictures. We are not influenced by Miss Holtzmann's big reputation as a lawyer in the United States. We chose the paintings on merit."

Miss Holtzmann is a friend of Bernard Shaw. When he saw her pictures he told her: "You are such a good artist you must be a bad lawyer."

Besides acting as lawyer to Hollywood film stars, Fanny Holtzmann is legal adviser to the Chinese Government.

Pretty Print



By VERA WINSTON

A SIMPLE BUT most effective dress of pure silk, cut on neat lines is always a good choice, whether one is in town, on route, or going to attend a luncheon. This one uses a mosaic print in bright green and blue with touches of fuchsia. From a set-in criss-cross belt gathers shape the skirt top, which has concealed pockets. A casual collar and turn-back cuffs on the brief sleeves give a softly tailored effect. The back of the dress is centre seamed.

Cosmetic Kits Travel Well



Nice for travelling or the office, is this little manicure kit that holds polish, lubricant polish remover, cotton and a handy finger rest.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IT would seem as if a large percentage of American girls are always going places. Trains, boats, buses, private cars crowded with ladies who are bent on travelling. Daughters, mothers, grandies. And many of them lugging cute little cosmetic kits and purses combined. Some bright mind thought that up. It is as if a large part of the industrial world were making beautifying easy and simple.

In times past the prospective tourist stood before the cabinet in the bathroom wondering just what she should tuck into the suitcase. Of course, she wanted to take all of them. But some were spillover, some were bulky. Her mind was confused with a multitude of bottles, jars, flacons and boxes. Powder, rouge and lipstick formed a trinity of glorifiers that she never failed to take with her. She had to have a thin cream for cleaning her skin, a heavier one for massaging at night, a cream for her finger nails.

All these problems are pretty well solved for her. The pocket book, pretty large—as it should be these days—holds the three necessary items, along with a tiny bottle of perfume. Everything is in tabloid form. Very thoughtful of cosmetic chemists to do that little thing.

Larger kits, to be placed in the suitcase, are so designed that no cosmetic or gadget will be left at home. There is included, in some of the grander offerings, an entire manicuring set—curved, needle-point scissors, a thin flexible nail file that cuts quickly, emery boards, orange wood sticks, nail-white pencil, nail polish and polish remover. There are, of course, very small manicure sets, too.

One will need tweezers to keep the eyebrows in order, no little fuzzers must be outside the fold. If one is to do a bit of sight seeing, there will be need of a foot powder. A deodorant or deodorant, to be used in the armpits, is a must. If eyebrows and lashes need colour support, mascara and the tiny brush travel with one.

Let's Eat BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN How To Retain Flavour In Vegetables

WE all know and acknowledge the fact that we should eat more fresh vegetables, greens and salad plants. But most people seem to have a prejudice for them. Just then, in came the chef. "You have several bunches of red radishes. Why so many?" I asked.

"Some to slice and add to the tossed salad bowl, or to use as a garnish, Madame. Others I shall prepare as a plain relish, and there will be enough left to boil and season with butter or margarine. They serve this often for a hot vegetable with fish. I find the new cabbage quite seasonable too. Also these turnips and their tops, and the golden carrots."

"How about cucumbers, tomatoes, celery, broccoli and green peas, Chef?"

"They are still a little high. I thought we should specialise on the plentiful foods that cost not so much."

"Chef, you've furnished the answer to a statement I just wrote for our column, as you came in—many families are not using enough fresh vegetables because they think they are too expensive."

Fresh Products

"If the ladies purchase the luxury-priced items, that is true; but if they buy the nice fresh produce that is plentiful and use the leaves and stems whenever possible, they will find them an economical buy."

"Why do you think many people don't like vegetables, Chef?"

"In my opinion it's because the flavour is very often cooked out. The fresh vegetable is like a step-child in the kitchen. It does not get enough attention. And after cooking, the water is poured down the drain. That is like pressing out the blood from meat. The vitality of the vegetable and the flavour are both lost. In France we use as little cooking water as possible, and boil it down to use as a sauce."

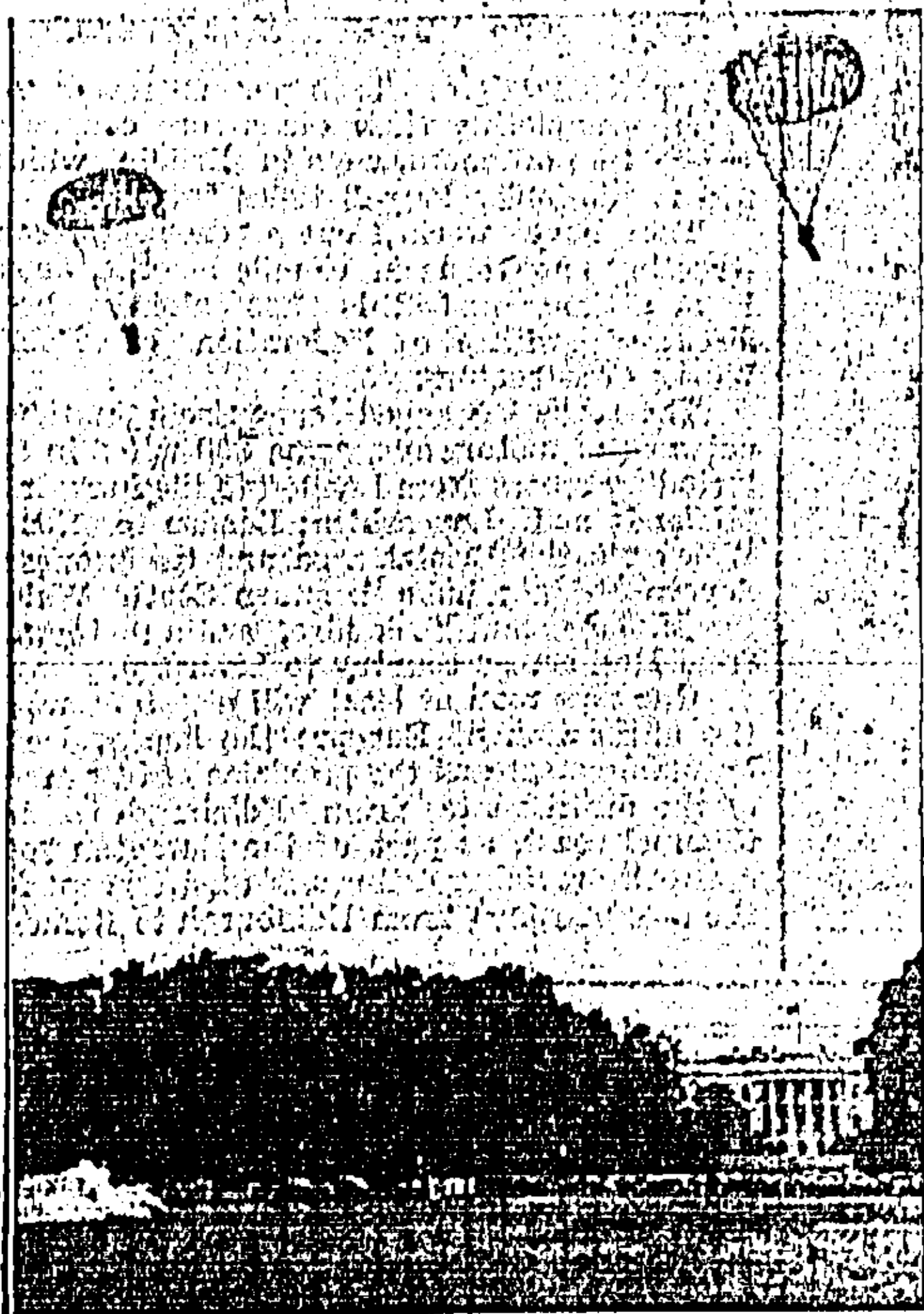
Buying Vegetables

"You've answered two of my questions. Chef. Now for a third. At the market today you undoubtedly saw a good many women buying vegetables. Did you get the impression that they had planned their purchases ahead? Or were they buying on impulse?"

Trick of the Chef

Use butter-lime dressing to season carrots. Wait 2 hrs. buttermilk and stir in 2 tbs. lime juice.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



ONLY A DEMONSTRATION—Although these smoke jumpers are close to the White House, they are only practising. The U.S. Agriculture Department's Forest Service put on a full-scale demonstration of how they fight forest fires in remote areas by dropping onto the Ellipse in Washington, D.C.



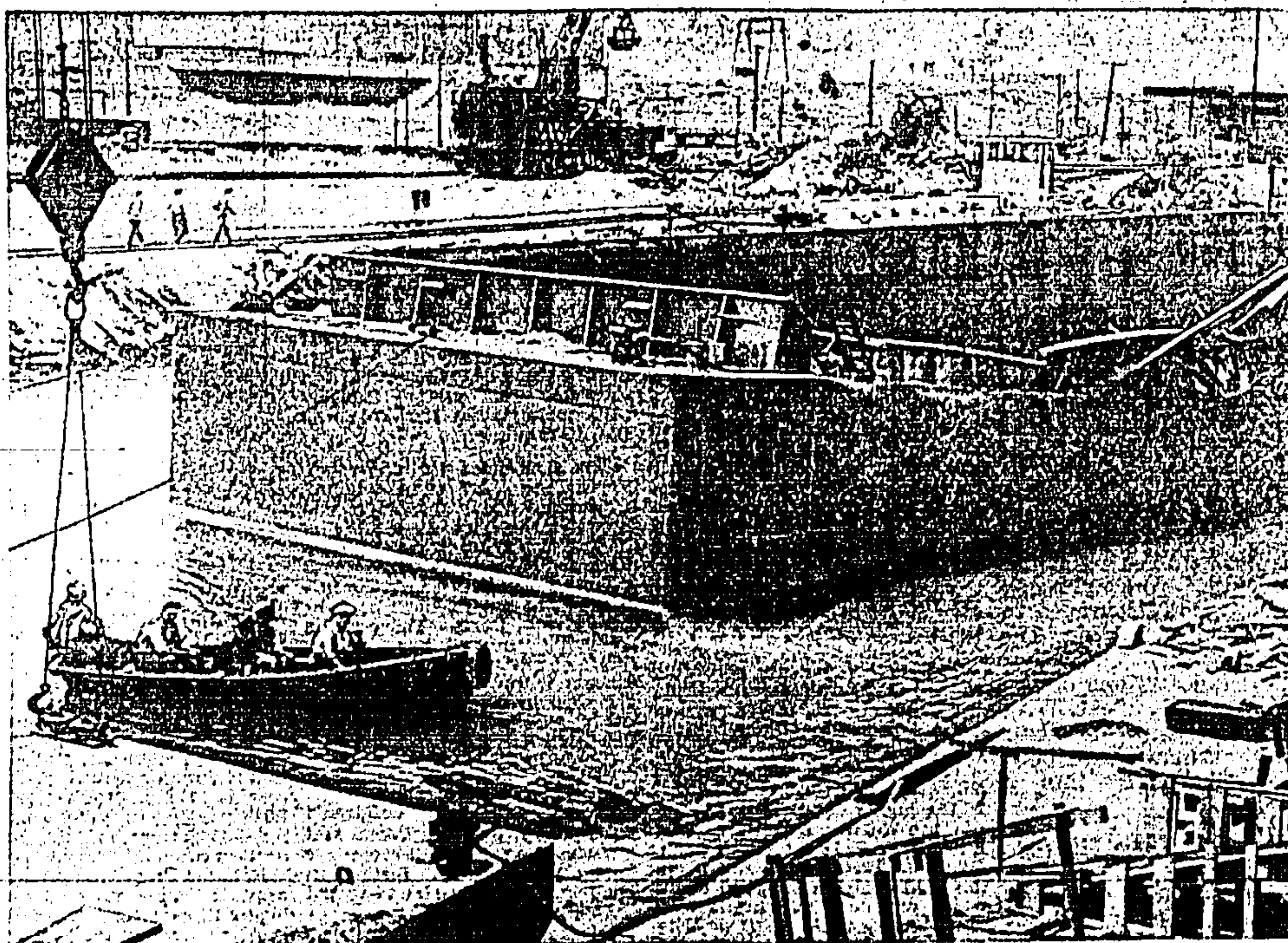
LOTS OF HELP—Centre fielder Dino Restelli, sensational Pittsburgh Pirate home-run hitter, has received a lot of spaghetti from fans. Helping him enjoy this plateful in Pittsburgh, before a game with the Cincinnati Reds, are, left to right, Pete Castiglione, Monte Basgall, and trainer Dr Charles Jorgensen.



A NEW ARRIVAL—Jim Coder, a hospital attendant at the zoo in The Bronx, New York, is getting acquainted with a new inmate. Just arrived from the Belgian Congo, Snowball is a one-year-old gorilla. He looks as if he's wondering why in the world he was given such a name in a land of high temperatures.



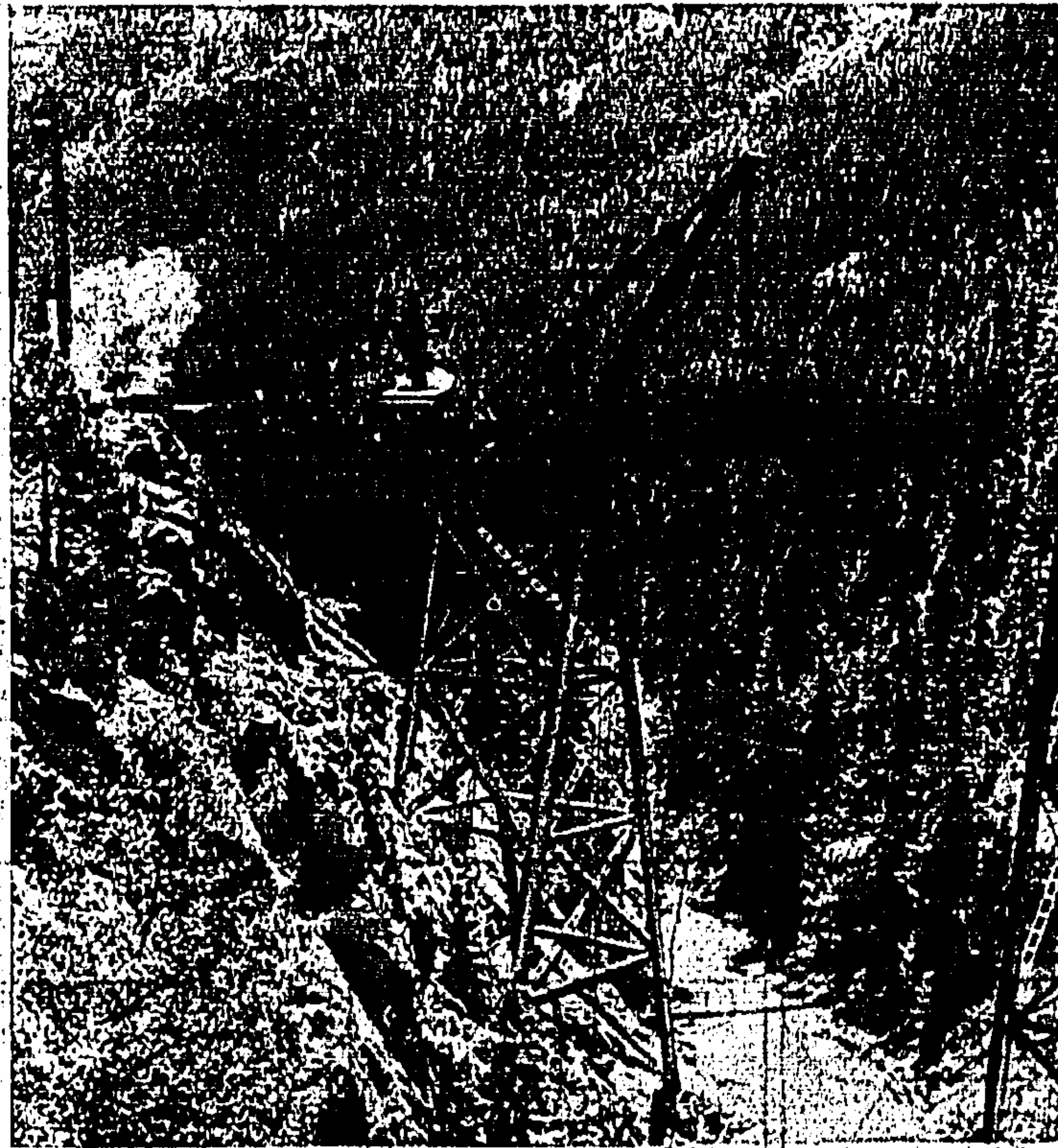
HAVING FUN—At a kids' party in New York, children whooped it up together. Maria da Silva, nine, of Brazil, does a samba as her bit toward helping to entertain the guests. Many of the tiny tots appeared wearing the costumes of their native lands.



A SEARCHING PARTY—The party in the rowboat searches the Calumet River, in Chicago, Illinois, for the body of a man reported missing when the steel barge in background exploded. Fourteen persons were reported injured, two seriously. The barge was under construction at a shipyard and the explosion shook the southeastern section of the city.



TROPICAL TONE—Vivid green, coral, blue and yellow are combined in this tropical print worn in Hollywood by Elizabeth Taylor.



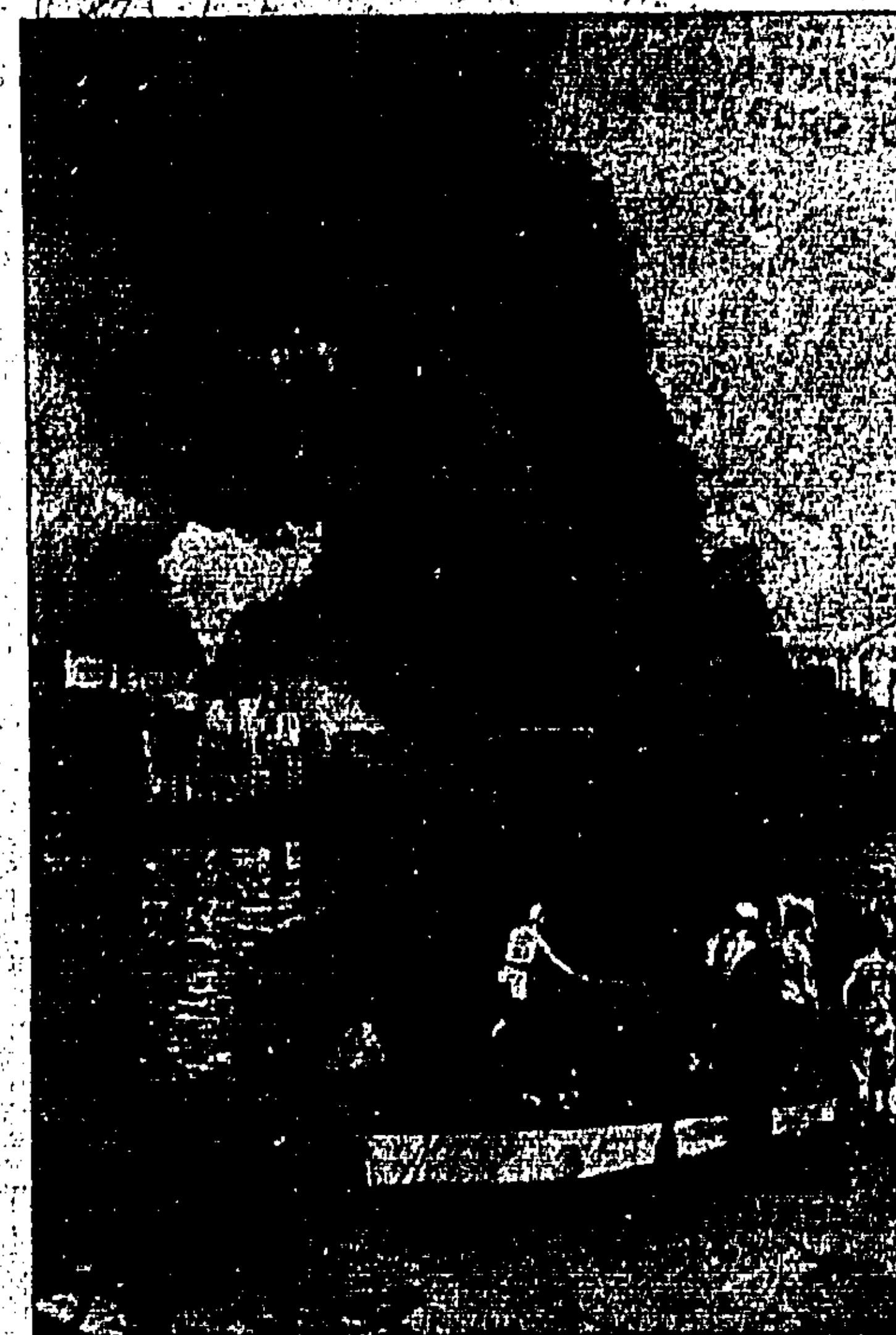
SETTING THE GIRDER—Workmen battle a stiff breeze near Seattle, Washington, as they drop this 37-ton beam into place above Nason Creek. The girder, 35 feet long and eight feet high, spans the longest section of a 546-foot bridge being built in Stevens Pass.



INSEPARABLE—When Popoki, a cat, and Pake, a puppy, arrived in San Francisco, California, from Hawaii, Mary Perroset, an airline employee, fed them. They were en route to a new home in Bridgeport, Illinois, and although the kitten could leave the crate, she wouldn't while the pup remained.



ENJOYING THE BREEZE—Marge Ross, in Miami Beach, Florida, cools off while Northerners swelter. Marge is wearing a hat similar to the one President Truman wears on his holidays.



PUTTING UP A FIGHT—A U.S.\$200,000, four-alarm blaze in Buffalo, New York, was fought from land and water. Flames swept a warehouse and three firemen missed death when a wall collapsed near them. They were rescued by the Coast Guard launch in foreground.

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Dispute among Tokyo pleasure boats immobilizes Queen Mary twenty yards from quayside.

Disagreement between head of remote African State and his medical officer leads to another deadlock between Mr. Deane and the dentists.

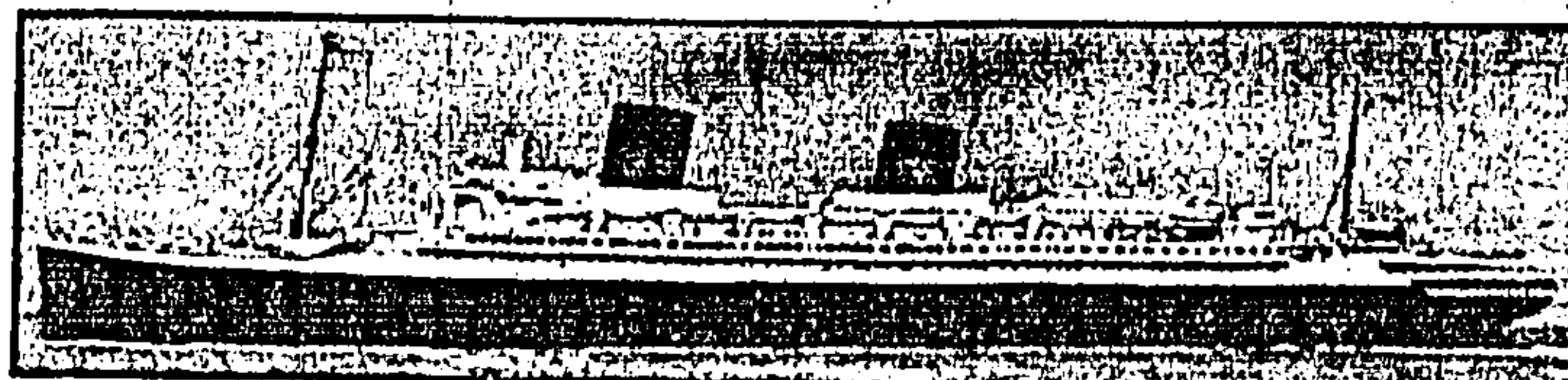
Difference of opinion during Bolivian national game leads to sit-down strike at Lord's.



Conflict between Stalin and 'deviationist' composer results in a walk-out of the B.C.C. Symphony Orchestra.

Slap-in strike of Icelandic Constabulary causes go-slow among the Metropolitan Police.

The Government declares a State of Emergency, and directs the public into the police force.



At 23, She Joins The New Battle Of The Atlantic

LE HAVRE. THE new battle of the North Atlantic was brought a step nearer when the 23-year-old liner Ile de France sailed from here two weeks ago.

She is the answer to those who suggested that with the loss of the gigantic Normandie, the French would be too discouraged to make a come-back on the North Atlantic. The "new" Ile de France is one of the loveliest vessels afloat. With all the artistry of their race, Frenchmen have built a 1949 challenge into a 1928 hull.

She Has Her Place

HOSTILITIES on the North Atlantic will not open because the Ile de France is back. The shipping companies engaged in the luxury travel trade between Europe and North America know from experience how costly unrestricted competition can be. There have been discussions and international conferences, and the Ile de France has her allotted place on the ocean.

It is an important place—second only to the great Queen Mary. Lines in the French ship have been fixed at a level which comes between those in the Queen Mary and those in other crack ships, such as the Mauretania, America and Nieuw Amsterdam. The "second class" on the North Atlantic has become the "third class" overnight.

The Queen's Lead

THE "war" that may develop before the end of the year is not between ship and ship, however. The conflict—hardly foreseen when the Ile de France was built—will be between ship and aircraft. No agreements between shipping companies will suffice to hold traffic on the sea in the face of cut prices in the air.

At present, Britain has a large and profitable share in another bumper season on the North Atlantic. Leading the way are the Queen Elizabeth and Queen

from GORDON HOLMAN

Mary, unrivalled in size and speed, even with the return of the Ile de France. The Britannic is back on the Liverpool-New York run, and the new pale green Caronia is still dazzling travellers on both sides of the Atlantic.

Yet less than two months ago, Mr. Frederic Alan Bates, the Cunard chairman, warned at a dinner in London:

"The next few years, according to informed opinion, will bring upon the ocean routes a new surge of competition from abroad," he said.

How true, can a 23-year-old ship hope to re-establish herself in the highly competitive market of the North Atlantic? The French Line (Compagnie Generale Transatlantique) made the bold decision to spend about twice as much building a new ship into an old hull as they originally spent to build the whole ship.

Hair Cut, Sir?

YET five minutes on board the vessel left no doubt that not so much the Ile de France as the Normandie had been resuscitated in the Penhoet shipyard amid the ruins of St. Nazaire. In the main lounge there are huge gilded plaques that once decorated the Normandie and the Ile de France, and the public rooms that recall France's greatest ship.

As in the Normandie, the Ile de France has a swimming pool (an innovation for the ship) with a cosy bar ten steps from the water's edge.

There are other close links. Captain Joseph Guille, in command of the ship, was in the Normandie. Mr. Roger, 48 years old and in charge of the hair-dressing saloons, proudly displayed pictures of himself at work in the Normandie.

In some respects the ship built into a ship—the old Ile de France made 346 crossings of the Atlantic, and carried 245,000 passengers before 1940—exceeds the Normandie.

The first-class dining-room, approached by twin winding stair-cases which would grace a baronial hall, has churchlike height rising up through three decks. There are two private dining-rooms which give the impression of having been brought bodily from Paris. There is the sweeping curved bar of the "Cafe de Paris," and the amazing cinema with armchair comfort for 350 passengers. Like the other public-rooms, it is air-conditioned.

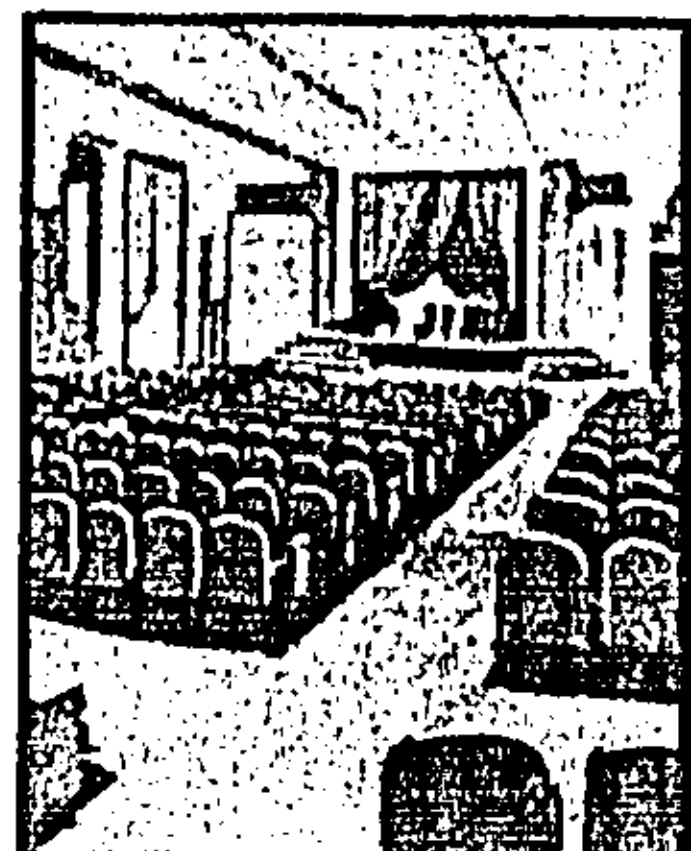
For Youngsters

THERE is a children's nursery and playroom and a fascinating dining-room for young people only. Sitting in comfortable bucket-type chairs, they will be served at small tables like the grown-ups.

Second-class and tourist-class public rooms have a new brightness—indeed, the Ile de France sets a fresh standard in the "lighter" ship move. More light paint has been used in her than in any other ship on the North Atlantic. I would say.

FRENCHMEN BUILD THIS 1949 CHALLENGE INTO A 1926 HULL

The new Ile de France (43,500 tons), joins the sea-voracious struggle on the North Atlantic route. She is one of the loveliest vessels afloat, says Gordon Holman. For example: the armchair theatre (below).



There are pastel-shaded luxury suites and an elaborate system of communicating doors makes it possible to extend cabins so that they become family suites.

1,345 Passengers

IN the whole ship there is only one place that remains as I saw it when the Ile de France finished her long and useful career as a troopship, 2½ years ago—the chapel.

From the kitchens, as spaciouly laid out as any section of the ship, will go the food that is a major feature of French service at sea. In a full ship, 1,345 passengers will be catered for, 200 fewer than the old Ile de France could carry.

Now the French Line will concentrate on getting the even bigger Liberté (once the German Europa) ready for sea. But even when she does sail, French sentiment, I am told, will not permit her to become the flagship of a French mercantile fleet. That honour is reserved for the new-old ship that might be named "The Little Normandie."

(—London Express Service)

Honouring The Leicesters

ONE of the largest war memorials in Norway is to be erected near Lillehammer, where officers and men of the 1/5th Royal Leicestershire Regiment are buried.

It is to be raised over the single grave of 54 Britons who died fighting in Norway when the Tigers were landed as part of a force which, hopelessly outnumbered, was eventually withdrawn.

The 1/5th Officers and men were drawn from all parts of Leicestershire. Led by Lieutenant-Colonel Guy German, they landed in Norway after a journey from Scotland. They were under severe handicap from the outset, the ship carrying their transport having been sunk by a U-boat. Despite the odds against them, they put up

a stiff resistance, until ordered to withdraw.

The battalion was split up. Many of its members made their way over snowed mountains to Sweden. Others were eventually evacuated. A number of all ranks were taken prisoner.

Twenty Tigers did not come back. They are buried near Lillehammer, where 54 Britons were interred in one grave. The Regiment's fallen in that ill-fated campaign were: Captains H. A. Ramsden and J. Ford Smith; Ctr. Sgt. F. Woss; L/Cpls H. J. Beasley and C. T. Lomas; Privates W. Brown, E. W. Coleman, F. Collins, F. J. Copson, L. Ebbins, W. H. Hancock, B. H. Lawrence, H. Marsh, B. C. Miller, E. R. Neale, R. W. Roberts, H. V. Smith, J. E. Turner, E. Walker, and C. W. H. Winter.

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY A La Mode



A Revolution On British Roads

By J. W. Taylor

MINISTRY of Transport engineers are completing their plans for construction of motorways in Britain which will revolutionise long-distance transport.

They have worked out a scheme for constructing new roads in 10-mile lengths, about 12 at a time, and this has already been discussed with the Federation of Public Works Constructors.

The roads envisaged comprise a national network of motorways, some 800 miles in all, including routes from London to the industrial Midlands and Lancashire; London to South Wales via the Bristol area and the proposed Severn Bridge; links between South Wales, the Midlands and Yorkshire, and a motorway from Hull across country to Liverpool.

One new road at least will play its part in the unification of Europe: the improvement, by realignment and the provision of by-passes, of the direct route from Edinburgh to the Channel coast, as part of the European road network providing a through road (except for the sea crossing) from Edinburgh to Rome.

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THE whole system of motorways will be completed by other existing through routes, which will be improved generally on their present alignment or by the construction of diversions. In addition, certain by-passes will be constructed as motor roads. All other roads connecting with motorways will be carried over or under by fly-overs with sliproad connections.

Severn Bridge part of the programme will provide the largest suspension bridge in Europe. With a main span of 3,300 ft., it will be the largest in the world outside two in the USA—the Golden Gate (4,200 ft.) and the George Washington (3,800 ft.).

Completed procedure has been followed in preparing plans, including aerial ordnance surveys. These have enabled the most suitable alignments to be developed, having regard to the many factors involved, including the existing of splitting farms and breaking up beauty spots, and the harmonising of the alignment so that it flows freely across the countryside.

Constructional work will be designed to make the greatest use of local materials, and the facing of suspension bridges there will be various types—will be of local stone, wherever possible, although some will be in pre-stressed concrete.

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ACCORDING to Chief Engineer Aldington, roads will be constructed to take traffic at a speed of 75 miles an hour. Formation widths will be 93 feet for a dual two-lane carriageway, and 100 feet for a dual three-lane carriageway. Both verges are central reservations: will be 15 feet wide, and lay-bys will be constructed 100 feet in length and ten feet in width for "lame ducks" and for maintenance purposes. At important connections a standard junction (a combination of roundabout and flyover) will be constructed.

Apart from the purely technical innovations, the Special Roads Act brings about a historic change in social custom. For the first time the King's highway will not offer free access to all; the new motorways will be for motor traffic only, and pedestrians will be barred. Such is the plan that will streamline the English trunk road system. Experts believe that single-purpose motorways will reduce the toll of the road. The German autobahn, for instance, are said to have reduced the accident rate by 82 percent, while accidents in Chicago's Outer Drive totalled eight per cent million miles, compared with 189 on ordinary roads in the area.

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MOTORWAYS, it is claimed, are more economic than the present all-purpose highways which are so inadequately equipped to meet modern requirements as to cause immense wastage.

The British Road Federation's Research Committee points out that 75 percent of the national income is spent on motor vehicle operations. On fuel alone over 2,122½ millions is spent annually; and fuel wastage arises from continual stopping and starting, low gear driving, acceleration and deceleration.

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McCloy Wants Jewish Community In Germany

SPEAKS AT CONFERENCE OF GERMAN JEWS

Heidelberg, July 31.—Mr John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner designate for Germany, said here today that he regarded it as a matter of the utmost importance that a permanent Jewish community should again develop in Germany.

He told a conference of German Jewish delegates from the Western zones and Berlin: "To accept the concept that Jews cannot live in Germany and prosper as they do in other lands would be to deny the possibility of developing democracy in Germany."

AMETHYST'S ESCAPE

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Voluntary repatriation took place. So far there has been no Communist reaction, official or otherwise.

A dispatch from Associated Press staff correspondent Seymour Topping in Nanking reported the possibility of bitter Communist reaction due to the great loss of face.

He said that the Amethyst's position had been "desperately bad" at her entanglement in the Yangtze due to temperatures of 120 degrees and depleted supplies.—Associated Press.

REPLIES TO FIRE

Aboard HMS Jamaica at Sea, July 31.—Britain's plucky little sloop Amethyst fought its way through well-placed Communist shore artillery units in a sensational escape to the China Sea.

Vice Admiral A. C. G. Madden, second in command, Far Eastern Station, announced this at a press conference on board this 8,000-ton flagship as it sped to rendezvous with the frigate.

The Amethyst repelled with one round from its main armament, and a large amount of Bren gun and machine gun fire. He said the sloop was seriously and capable of 10 knots but would travel at only 12 when she leaves the Yangtze mouth anchorage tonight under escort of the destroyer, Concord. The start will be made after 80 tons of fuel has been put on board and after the crew has had sufficient rest.

Admiral Madden, who spent a sleepless night, requested the Concord to take immediate charge of the Amethyst.

FOR HONGKONG

"After she has taken on board fuel, provisions and personnel from the Concord, the object is to get her to Hongkong as soon as possible," he radioed Concord.

On board the Jamaica are 25 ratings and three officers who were crew members of the Amethyst during her Yangtze fight with the Reds in April.

The officers are Lieutenants J. J. Wilkinson of Portsmouth, Amethyst engineer, E. Monaghan of Cardiff, gunner and Lieutenant P. C. Berger of Hatfield, Hertfordshire. Lieut. Wilkinson recalled he suffered a shrapnel wound and had to be moved 10 miles over mountainous roads by wheelbarrow. Lieut. Monaghan said: "All I want is to see some of my friends safe again after three and a half months of anxious worrying."

PLOUGHED JUNK

Lieut. Monaghan recalled he had arranged improvised stretchers and other means for carrying the wounded over a 10-mile bad stretch.

"Captain B. M. Skinner of the Amethyst was so seriously wounded he died en route," he said. "We used coolies with poles, wheelbarrows and anything improvised we could get."

It was learned that the Amethyst ploughed through a junk in her sensational escape.—Associated Press.

FIRST LORD'S MESSAGE

Malta, July 31.—The First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Hall, signalled the sloop Amethyst today: "Welcome back to Fleet. Your courage and endurance have been magnificent. Your return was a grand achievement. Well done."

Lord Hall is inspecting British naval establishments at Malta.—Associated Press.

Revolution On British Roads

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A saving of this huge bill of only ten percent would amount to nearly £12½ millions. Vehicular maintenance accounts for £28 millions annually. Motorways, by lessening gear chattering, constant braking and steering-wheel manipulations, are expected to effect a big reduction in this figure.

Missionaries See Ray Of Hope In China

Canton, July 31.—Local missionary leaders, who have been pessimistic about the chances of continuing their work in China under the Communists, believed they saw a ray of hope when three foreign pastors received calls from church groups in North China "liberated areas."

They admitted that it was still too early to tell whether the experiment would be successful.

Still, missionaries here feel sure that no calls would have been sent if their representatives felt that mission work could be carried on and that it would be possible to bring in people for that purpose.

For the most part, missionaries here agreed that there have been few overt acts of restriction by the Communist government.

Missionaries from my board have for the most part been able to keep what contacts they have, though they are not able to make new ones easily," one mission headquarters representative said. He believed that may be the pattern for the initial stages of Communist government.

POSSIBLE ACTION

Restrictive action may, however, be made against apparently innocent Jews. Heretofore mission property has been tax-free; it would be quite easy to burden the missions with levies too heavy to allow them to remain.

Laws concerning public gatherings may be enforced in case of church services. Currency restrictions may cut off the missions, which have never been self-supporting, from outside income.

Most mission leaders refuse to speculate on what Communist policy may be after the new government has consolidated its position. They are hanging on where they can and waiting more definite indications of policy before making plans.

In most cases, Protestant missionaries, especially those with families, have been withdrawn from threatened areas. That is not true in all cases.

LOCAL APPEAL

If the mission is well-established and local authority and public opinion are favourable, the missionaries are remaining. There have been some cases where strong local appeals have influenced missionaries to stay.

Catholic missions are intending to remain in China and there are no plans for their evacuation.

Many representatives of the smaller mission boards, especially European groups whose resources have never been as strong as the dollar-backed American missions, are abandoning the China field for the time being.

Most missionaries agree that the type of work the missionary is doing may have a lot to do with his success under the Communists. Medical missionaries can offer badly needed service and will be able to continue with little or no hindrance, they think.

However, most give a qualified "yes" to the question of whether teachers will be able to continue as before. Teachers of physical sciences will probably be able to teach without compromise, but teachers of humanities, say of social sciences, may find themselves restricted by ideological fences.—United Press.

ATLANTIC PACT RATIFIED



President Truman signs the instrument of ratification of the North Atlantic Pact in a recent White House ceremony. Standing (left to right) are: The Defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, Senator Scott Lucas, Sen. Tom Connally, Sen. William Fulbright, the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, Sen. Claude Pepper the Vice-President Mr Alben W. Barkley and Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg. (AP Picture).

World "Dominated By Incompetents"

SWEDISH EXPLORER PESSIMISTIC

Stockholm, July 31.—The world is "dominated by incompetents and dilettantes", Sven Hedin, Swedish explorer, said today.

The 84-year-old geographer, who mapped Tibet, said in an interview that the whole of the non-Communist world was "in a mess."

"The Reds are the only ones who are strong and united. Too bad for those who want peace...."

Hedin said he thought that the Chinese Reds would conquer all China and advance into Burma.

"I think Burma is the ultimate destination of the Communist offensive, which was surely planned in co-operation with Soviet Russia."

"But I do not think the Chinese Communists will have much use for Moscow when they come to power. Foreigners always have been and always will be alien devils, and that goes for the Russians too."

Hedin said this feeling about "alien devils," combined with the "great awakening of the Asiatic nations," would lead to the loss of Western influence in the Orient.

"European nations have no chance to maintain their influence in Asia without warfare. The Americans and British have only themselves to blame for the situation in China. Why did they let the Russians in, in the war against Japan? It was of

no help to them, but it gave Russia Manchuria."

He urged the Western nations to give maximum aid to the Chinese Nationalists—United Press.

More 'Voice Of America'

Broadcasts To China

News Reports In Cantonese

Washington, July 31.—The US State Department announced today that its "Voice of America" broadcasts to the Far East would be augmented by a new two-hour programme and by news reports in the Cantonese dialect beginning tomorrow.

The Department said that it was an effort to open new channels of information to the Chinese people to take the place of the United States Information Service and other news operations which the new Communist regime was suspending.

The new two-hour broadcasts will be heard in the morning hours in China (10.00 a.m. to midnight GMT) and will include news, commentaries and features, half in English and half in Mandarin.

Far Eastern broadcasts have so far been made only in English, Mandarin, Korean and Russian.

The Department said that the augmented Far Eastern service "follows the suspension by the Chinese Communist officials of the United States Information Service operating in Shanghai, Peking, Tientsin, Hankow and Nanking."

It said that these suspensions and other acts of censorship by the Chinese Communists "have severely curtailed or cut off almost entirely the access of the Chinese people in the Communist-dominated area to impartial news reports from outside their country."—Reuter.

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UK Newspaper Attacks GBS

London, July 31.—The Sunday Pictorial today compared George Bernard Shaw with an "old gaffer mulling in his whiskers in a village pub."

In an article, the Pictorial commented that of anyone else "people would put it down to senility and the ramblings of the decaying mind."

"But the 93-year-old Shaw, who has no use for pubs, was never one to mumble. He puts his opinions on paper."

Most of London's papers severely criticised Shaw for his support of Communist policy, Communist Member of Parliament to whom Shaw wrote: "To vote against you is to vote for war."

The Pictorial said: "The sorry truth is that Shaw is ever the apostle of the Original Sin. The ancient shocker has again got a little beyond himself."

It said it believed that if Russia ever became "respectable" Shaw would be ready to take up something else.

"That is the kindly view most people would take of the old man, but he is still an immortal leprechaun. But he is a dangerous leprechaun, particularly in Russia, where he is regarded as the real danger of the Communist menace, the spokesman for the downtrodden."

"He might, of course, live forever. If he does, we hope he acquires a little more sense as he grows up. For the old man was a fool like an old foot."—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

11.15.—"Hong Kong Calling": 7.55, News and News Analysis (World News); 8.15, "Morning Melody"; 9.15, Selections from Light Melody; 9.30, "String with Wings"; 10.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 10.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 11.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 11.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 12.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 12.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 1.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 1.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 2.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 2.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 3.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 3.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 4.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 4.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 5.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 5.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 6.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 6.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 7.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 7.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 8.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 8.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 9.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 9.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 10.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 10.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 11.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 11.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 12.15, "Melancholy Strings"; 12.45, "Melancholy Strings"; 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SYDNEY SKILTON TELLS OF

The British Empire Games
& How They Started

England, Scotland and Wales will send at least 100 competitors to the Empire Games in New Zealand next winter. They will be selected from outstanding competitors in the championships this summer plus the selectees being in the position of spending at least six weeks out of the country. Those able to afford longer time will make a three-month tour by sea and return via the Panama Canal to complete an enviable round the world trip.

Competitors will be the guests of the New Zealanders once they arrive at Auckland City. Assembled there altogether, will be more than 500 athletes from Canada, India, South Africa, Australia and other countries of the Empire, or Commonwealth as some choose to call it. Already the New Zealanders have subscribed a guarantee fund of £100,000 to ensure the financial success of the Games.

Sports concerned are track and field, swimming and diving, cycling, boxing, fencing, weightlifting, wrestling, rowing and lawn bowls. The track and field team is almost certain to be the largest section of the party from England especially, as in the Olympic Games, it forms the main feature of the festival.

MINIATURE OLYMPICS

Broadly speaking the British Empire Games are Olympic Games in miniature. The meeting planned at Auckland City is the fourth in a series that began at Hamilton, Canada, in 1930. But in one respect the Empire Games are more truly Olympic than the Olympic Games themselves. The latter are today the concern of some 60 nations but the Empire Games, like the festival in Greece's Golden Age, are confined exclusively to members of one Commonwealth. Because of this the rivalry produced has less of a cutting edge than the Olympics and the whole business amounts to something in the nature of a family party.

This is exactly as it should be because it was with that idea in mind that Mr. Richard Combe of Sydney, N.S.W., first suggested the Empire Games nearly 40 years ago.

It was because of the Imperial value of Combe's suggestion that a responsive note was struck in London that led in 1911 to an Empire "Festival of Sport" at the Crystal Palace. Athletes of the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada competed in athletics, swimming, boxing and wrestling events. Lord Londale presented a magnificent silver cup which was won by Canada.

DICTATES OF FRIENDLINESS

There was no further Empire Games development until 1928 when the friendliness between the Empire athletes assembled in Amsterdam for the Olympic Games was so strong that there was a fresh demand for sports competitions among the widely scattered units of the Empire. Mainly through the initiative of Mr. M.M. Robinson, a well-known Canadian sports official, the new Empire Games took shape and a highly successful meeting was held at his home town of Hamilton, Ont.

There a British Empire Games Federation was formed and it was decided that future meetings should be held every four years, sandwiched conveniently between Olympic festivals.

In 1934 the Empire Games came to London by which time the silver cup won by Canada had, with the permission of Lord Londale, been donated to the Empire Games Federation. Then there arose the problem of what was to happen to the trophy because, under the competition rules of the Federation there was to be no aggregation of points and no winning country.

A special convention after agreeing that the trophy should not be competed for, resolved that it should be placed in some building particularly associated with the Empire.

But that was not the end of the matter, because when the trophy arrived in England it was immediately realised that its value (it stood 2ft. 6in. high and weighed 340 lbs. of solid silver) would constitute an embarrassment to any custodian.

AN IDEA

Then somebody had the thought of melting it down and making one principal cup and 12 replicas for distribution to member countries of the Federation. Lord Londale agreed to this, as did Canada. One of

this replicas was handed to Lord Londale and the remainder are today in possession of Australia, Bermuda, Canada, England, India, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Rhodesia, Scotland, South Africa and Wales.

By the time the 1938 meeting came round, it was held at Sydney, N.S.W.—the Empire Games had become an established and highly popular feature of the British sporting programme. Indeed, it was being talked of as likely to appeal more to the British than the Olympic Games which, following Berlin, 1936, were becoming too aggrandised.

The 1948 Olympic festival in London did much to bring them back into their proper perspective, but the desire to get together still remains. From the Christian Science Monitor.

Canada To
Send 64

The British Empire Games Association of Canada has applied for funds to back Canada's 1950 entry.

Col. George Macdonald, association president, in a statement said it is planned to send a minimum of 64 athletes to the games at Auckland, N.Z. "It is a national project calling for nation-wide co-operation," he said. "Every Canadian should be shareholder in the Canadian team so our nation can be properly represented and our athletes well looked after."

Present estimates indicate a total expense of nearly \$103,000. Associated Press.

United States
Retains The
Harmsworth
Trophy

Detroit, July 31.—Skipalong retained the coveted Harmsworth Trophy for the United States today by beating out the challenger, Miss Canada IV by seven miles in the second heat of the international speedboat classic.

Stanley Dollar piloted his San Francisco flash to victory after the record-smashing Such Crust I conked out in the last lap of the thrilling race. She had looked like a certain bet to win.

Dollar's victory ensured the United States of the trophy Garwood brought to this country in 1920 for at least another year. Although it was Skipalong that saved the day, the first heat victor, Such Crust, owned by the Detroit Jack Schaefer, stole the show by establishing a lap record of 98.184 m.p.h. around the seven-mile course.

Heavy footed Dan Arena floor-boarded Such Crust all the way, knocking out the 94.915 m.p.h. lap record he set yesterday in winning the opening heat.

But the terrific speed caught up with the aging craft and her engine faltered. Dollar's dependable Skipalong came from 800 yards behind to take the lead.

Miss Canada was never in the race. The jinx which has plagued every foreign entry since 1920 followed the Canadian entry of Ernie and Harold Wilson along the Detroit River. United Press.

TEST SERIES

Merchant To
Lead India

Bombay, July 31.—Vijay Merchant, India No. 1 batsman, was today selected to captain the Indian XI for the series of five unofficial Tests against the Empire cricket team which will tour India this winter.

A former Test captain, Merchant, who is 38, was out of first class cricket for two seasons due to ill health, but has now fully recovered and is in fine form. The Indian Cricket Board of Control at its annual general meeting today decided that the unofficial Tests should be played in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, the United Provinces and Madras.

The match in the United Provinces would be played on matting, it was stated.

The Board approved the following tour proposals: The invitation to New Zealand to tour India in 1950-51. A visit by the MCC in 1951-52. India to tour England in 1952. Reuter.

Amarnath Makes
Peace With
Control Board

Bombay, July 31.—The Indian Cricket Control Board today decided to drop all charges against Lala Amarnath, the Indian Test captain who was suspended in April last from representative cricket for "continued misbehaviour and breach of discipline" towards the Board.

The Board held that no proper motives for the charges were given and Amarnath was not heard by the Board on the issue. It was stated that a defamation suit filed in the Calcutta High Court against the Board's President, Mr. A. S. de Mello, by Amarnath would be withdrawn.

The former Indian Test cricket captain was claiming damages of £7,500 from Mr. de Mello. The Board suspended Amarnath from playing representative cricket for India or any province on April 19. Reuter.

PACED CYCLING

Lamboley Wins At
Parc De Princes

Paris, July 31.—Jean Lamboley, of France, the 1948 world champion, today won the 100-mile motor-paced cycling race at the Parc De Princes here before 8,000 spectators in 2 hours, 16 mins, 22.8 secs. He was followed by (2) Gus Meuleman, of Belgium, at 16 laps, (3) Paul Choquet, of France, at 23 laps, (4) Jacques Sesson, the Swiss champion, at 31 laps, (5) Louis Menardi, of France, at 34 laps, and (6) Jan Strackel, the Dutch champion, at 35 laps.

Elie Forsio and Andre Lo Lieret, the champions of Italy and Belgium respectively, retired from the race. Reuter.

Open Triples

K. M. Omar, A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar beat W. Cameron, J. E. Hayward and C. H. Gough by 17 shots to 14 in the Colony Open Triples Lawn Bowls Championship at HKFC yesterday.

TENNIS TWOSOME



Betty Wilford, of England, and Gussie Moran, of the United States, at Wimbledon.

THE HEAVYWEIGHT MIX-UP

JACK SOLOMONS
IS ADAMANT

London, July 31.—The London boxing promoter, Mr. Jack Solomons, said on his return here today from his South of France holiday that, in spite of all the moves being made in the United States, the London bout on September 6 between Bruce Woodcock and Lee Savold would be for the world heavyweight title.

Referring to reports of American moves to stage a world title fight between the winner of the Woodcock-Savold contest and either Gus Lesnevich or Ezzard Charles, Mr. Solomons declared: "I am back ready for the fray, and the winner on September 6 will be the world champion. If Charles or Lesnevich are interested afterwards, we can talk."

"Joe Louis himself is coming for the fight and all the American big guns will be in London that day."

With Mr. Solomons was Savold and his manager, Mr. Bill Daly. The American heavyweight moves to his new training camp in Scarborough, Yorkshire, on Tuesday. Reuter.

ABE GREENE LASHES
OUT AT N.Y. STATE

Patterson, N.J., July 31.—Chairman Abe J. Greene of the National Boxing Association charged yesterday that the New York State Athletic Association charged him with "another about face" in refusing to recognise Ezzard Charles as the heavyweight champion. Greene's blast came after the New York Commission stated on today it also would not recognise the winner of the August 10 bout between Charles and Gus Lesnevich as the New York champion.

Charles gained the NBA decision for the crown given up by the retiring champion, Joe Louis, by defeating Jersey Joe Walcott last month in Chicago. Greene's "about face" charge was based on the fact Robinson gained the Welterweight title vacated by Marty Servo after one bout sanctioned by the New York Commission. Greene charged that New York Commissioner Eddie Egan had failed to name a suitable boxer as a suitable opponent for Charles with the exception of the Savold-Woodcock winner. He said that Charles has agreed to meet either pugilist by next November for a 50-50 split of.

Gordon Richards Up

London, July 30.—Gordon Richards will ride Mr. Winston Churchill's one and only racehorse, Colonel II, whose purchase was announced recently. Says Richards: "Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to ride for Mr. Churchill whenever possible, and I hope I win for him." Reuter.

the fight's purse. — United Press.

GOLF

Sammy Snead
Leads In
Western Open

St. Paul, Minn., July 31.—The irrepressible Sammy Snead blasted his way to the lead of the US\$15,000 Western Open Golf Tournament at the three quarter mark yesterday with a blistering 65, seven under par.

Snead, led by Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago and Chick Harbert of Detroit by two strokes in going into yesterday's 18-hole round, sliced five strokes off par for a first nine 31 and then added a steady 34 on the back nine to lead the field with a 54 score of 201, 15 under par.

Herbert and Mangrum stayed right on his heels, however, Harbert trailed by a single stroke with a four under 68 while Mangrum had a 69 to boost his total for three days to 203.

Jimmy Demarett of Ojai, California, slipped five strokes behind Snead at 206 after finishing Friday's round in a tie with the White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, ace.

Snead and Harbert were tied at 14 under par going into the 220-yard 18th hole, but Harbert bogied that hole after his drive went wild to the right. The two played on even terms for the rest of the round. — United Press.

Finns The Best
Gymnasts

Stockholm, July 31.—One hundred gymnastic experts have declared Finland to be the best team in the five-day Lingiad (Gymnastics display) which ended here tonight, according to a Stockholm newspaper Expressen.

The Lingiad is a demonstration and not a competitive event. The experts judged the gymnasts of the 15 participating countries on 10 points: their strength, grace, physical condition, suppleness, precision, endurance, originality, beauty, spirit and body control.

They gave second honours to Estonia, followed by Switzerland, Sweden, Holland, India and Belgium. The remaining countries—Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, France, Elro, Portugal and the United Kingdom, were given equal marks. — Reuter.

No-Mid-Week Ban
On Soccer

By PETER DITTON

British soccer fans are worried. They are afraid they are going to be cheated out of their mid-week football.

The Jockey Club and National Hunt Committee, which run racing in this country, have just announced that plans to run the Derby and the St Leger in mid-week have been scrapped. Like the Grand National, Lincolnshire Handicap and the Chester Cup, they will be held on a Saturday.

This decision has been taken in the interests of national solvency—to prevent these days being unofficial holidays for thousands—and follows the recent back-to-the-wall speech by Sir Stafford Cripps.

The move shows that fears about sport causing absenteeism in industry are coming back, so now the British soccer fan is again wondering if he will be deprived of his "in between dates" soccer.

The ban on mid-week football was lifted some time ago. This season, for the first time since the war, the Football Association have planned mid-week matches on a normal pre-war scale. Should the decision be taken to revert from mid-week to Saturday afternoon matches there is bound to be another confusing overlap of cricket and soccer at the beginning of the next cricket season.

At the moment however, the fans of the soccer fan are uncalculated for the first time since this week that the FA had no intention of altering their plans to avoid mid-week league matches and cup-tie replays.

"Just because the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Committee have decided to hold all their big races on a Saturday, it does not mean we are going to do the same," he said. "Our complete programme for the 1949-50 season has been drawn up and it includes mid-week league matches and also provides for cup replays in mid-week. If we have to change this programme it will throw us completely out of gear."

The last time the football season was badly interrupted was in 1946-47 when severe snowstorms caused many matches to be abandoned during a period of about six weeks. Then there was a mix-up when the cricket season commenced. For over a month, in May and June, cricket and football matches were being played beside one another throughout the country. Such a clash is not good for sport. Cricket clubs and football clubs cannot expect the same financial support if their games overlap. That is why—to avoid any such clash—the FA are sticking to their decision to play mid-week matches.

The greyhound fans are completely unconcerned by all these rumours of mid-week sport being curbed. Numerous dog meetings are held in mid-week throughout the country but as they invariably take place later in the evening and therefore do not cause absenteeism in factories, the greyhound fancier thinks he is safe from Government edict.

Four Day Test For
The West Indies?

The MCC have recently announced that there will be no extension of the three day limit for the New Zealand Test Matches against England. They have also decided that when the West Indians come to England next year they will also be limited to three day Tests. But that last decision may have to be changed. I understand a request may soon be put forward for an extension to four days.

The West Indies certainly have a strong claim. When the last MCC side visited the West Indies in 1947-48 they lost two of the four Test Matches and only managed to draw the other two. Even admitting that the MCC side was not at full strength, that was a creditable performance by the West Indians who at the moment must rank among the best in the cricketing world. Indeed, Australia's Deputy Prime Minister Dr. H.V. Evatt in the latest edition of Wisden has written "Who knows but that in five years' time the West Indies may hold cricket supremacy in the British Commonwealth."

Judging by reports, reaching England, of the West Indians' performance, the West Indies may soon be put forward for an extension to four days.

Finn Wins The
Wakefield Cup

Bradford, Bedford, July 31.—A 20-year old Finn, Arne Ellila, the sole representative of his country, won the Wakefield Cup, a model aircraft racing, at the Wakefield Cup, here tonight. It was stated to be the largest meeting of its kind in the world, with representatives competing from 10 countries. The results were: 1. Arne Ellila (Finland) 2. J. E. Hayward (England) 3. W. Fitcher (USA) 4. J. E. Hayward (England) 5. J. E. Hayward (England) 6. J. E. Hayward (England) 7. J. E. Hayward (England) 8. J. E. Hayward (England) 9. J. E. Hayward (England) 10. J. E. Hayward (England). — Reuter.

The British driver, Reg Parrell, on a Maserati, winner of the second heat, finished sixth, but had the distinction of the fastest lap—over 70 miles per hour. — Reuter.

LAWN BOWLS

Liberation
Shield
Match

Kowloon Cricket Club increased their lead to 90 points yesterday in the second game for the Liberation Shield when they defeated Kowloon Bowling Green Club by a further 44 points (180-189).

The final match of the series will be played later in the season, but the Cricket Club with its big lead will take a great deal of overhauling. If the Cricket Club wins the shield will return to the original winners who captured the trophy in 1947, only to lose it again last year.

L. Skyes' rink, which lost to T. A. Madan's by 8-30, and T. A. Madan's rink, which lost to F. E. Skinner's by 9-33 gave the visitors a decided advantage from which the remainder of the Bowling Club were unable to make up the leeway, although W. C. Simpson picked up 14 points and L. Collyer a further 10 points.

THE SCORES

The scores were: A.P. Weir, T.P. Styles, G.E.F. Thompson, L.A. Collyer lost to C. Thompson, J. Collyer, Geo. Lee, F. Goodwin 12-22. P. Hughes, R.H. Browne, J. Creighton, J. McKelvie beat A. Baggot, C. Champelover, J.M. Forrest, J. Crem 20-14. E.E. Baker, A. Dodd, A.J. Hall, E.A. Skinner lost to H. Glitts, T. Baker, A.J. Kow, C.S. Rosset 15-19.

J. Tindall, T. Wren, T.J. Hensley, H.A. Lammert lost to A.E.P. Guise, J. Tang, J.N. Wong, E.C. Finch 21-22. A. Hulton, E. Norman, R.J. Wigginton, L. Sykes lost to W. Baker, S.A. Gray, W. Hong Sling, T.A. Mader 8-30. F.A. Plume, J.A.L. Pearson, H.F. Shields, W.C.S. Simpson beat C. A. Skelton, J. Tibble, M.N. Rakusen, J. Landolt 20-16.

J.G. Robertson, C.E. Terry, J.G. Mayes, J. Fraser beat E.R. Rosset, C.H. Rosset, R.S. Capell, T. Lock 23-20. R.P. Phillips, A.M. Davidson, A. Bailey, A.L.G. Eastman lost to A.C. Tibble, A.W. Ramsey, W. Butterworth, F.E. Skinner 9-33.

Recreio Wins
Lusitano Cup

Club de Recreio won the Lusitano Cup yesterday from the Lusitano Club who won it last year in the initial match, by only one point on the aggregate shots.

Recreio's total this time was 70 to Lusitano's 46, Recreio winning on two finks.

The following are the scores: L.M. Rodrigues, E. Pinto, A. V. Goso, C. E. Marques beat E. J. Figueiredo, E. A. da Remedios, C. V. Marques, H. A. de Botelho 20-13.

J. A. Victor, H. R. Pinna, D. A. Azeiteiro, R. Pereira lost to Ed. Rocha, C. Rosario, A. P. Pereira, Jr., A. M. Sousa 15-18.

J. H. Figueiredo, J. A. Colton, G. A. Noronha, C. C. Pereira beat C. R. Dias Azeiteiro, L. A. Rosario, R. A. Roberts, A. A. dos Remedios 20-15.

MOTOR RACING

Villoresi
Wins At
Zandvoort

Zandvoort, Holland, July 31.—Luigi Villoresi, the Italian driver, today won the Grand Prix motor race on the Zandvoort circuit on the sea coast near Haarlem.

Villoresi, driving a Ferrari, had a great battle with his compatriot Alberto Ascari, on a Ferrari, until the latter retired with only five laps to go.

Baron Emmanuel de Graffenried, of Switzerland, filled second place in a Maserati, with Prince Birla, of Siam, also in a Maserati, third.

The Italian, Giuseppe Farina, on a Maserati, actually finished second but was penalised one minute for starting too soon and fell to fourth place. The event began with two heats, each over 65 miles. Thirteen competitors went forward to the final.

Villoresi, who had won his heat, covered the final run of 100 miles in a hour 21 mins 7 secs at an average speed of 124.06 kilometres per hour (about 77 miles per hour). Baron de Graffenried was only 30 secs. behind, with Prince Birla a further 11 secs. away.

LEAGUE TENNIS

Today's matches in the Mixed Doubles "A" Division are: USRC v. RCAA, LRC v. CRC, HKCC v. KCC.

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Europe's Heat Wave Begins To Break Up

London, July 31.—With the exception of Central France, where the dry spell entered its 52nd day, West Europe's heat wave today generally showed signs of breaking, but the Eastern seaboard of the United States continued hot.

Britain, including London, had intermittent light rain. The sharp change from

SPAAK IN GENEVA

Mission To See Leopold

Geneva, July 31.—M. Paul-Henri Spaak, Acting Belgian Prime Minister, arrived here tonight with a Socialist Party Mission to see King Leopold at his villa in Pregny.

M. Spaak was accompanied by M. Jules Joseph Merlot, the Minister of Pensions and M. Anton Spinsky, Socialist Deputy and Burgomaster of Mulinex.

The fourth member of the party registered at the hotel in M. Georges Prosper de Billeck, an industrialist.

The four men made the 12-hour journey from Brussels in a big black Cadillac. On their arrival they went straight to their rooms in one of Geneva's leading hotels for a rest.

M. Spaak and his party left the hotel at 7.30 p.m. local time, saying that they were going to see the King.

M. Merlot, member of the Belgian Socialist Party Executive, told correspondents: "The Socialist Party decided to send three delegates to try to clarify the situation which must be solved in the interests not only of Belgium but of Europe."

POLICY UNCHANGED. M. Merlot said that the Socialist Party's policy had not changed.

"The Socialist Party has never declared itself against the Monarchy as such. This is a situation resulting from the war."

When M. Spaak joined the others he brushed past correspondents waiting in the hall of his hotel with the words: "No, I have no declaration to make, either now or tomorrow."

De Billeck, the fourth member of the party, said: "I am only the chauffeur."

The party then drove by a devious route, attempting to shake off following correspondents.

They finally drove into the grounds of a well-known Geneva lakeside restaurant.—Reuter.

DOCTOR SHOT BY PATIENT

New York, July 31.—A New York doctor was shot and critically wounded in a lift today by a gunman whom he identified as a psychopathic patient.

Dr. Louis Blizman, aged 39, was descending from his twelfth floor flat with his wife and child and another man when the lift stopped at the fourth floor.

As the lift door opened, the gunman opened fire. Dr. Blizman received one wound under the heart and another in the shoulder.—Reuter.

World Assembly Of Youth

Brussels, July 31.—The first World Assembly of Youth Council will open here tomorrow, attended by 2,000 delegates representing 10 countries.

The Assembly is designed to unite the youths of all free countries of the world.

The National Youth Councils of Britain, the United States, France, Denmark and Holland originated the idea.—Reuter.

DRIVE IN CAFE

AMBURGERS DRINKS RED HOTS BEER SANDWICH

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HER NEW DADDY



Deirdre Flynn, 4, (left) daughter of Nora and Errol Flynn, watches pensively as her mother, Nora Eddington Flynn, and Dick Haymes cut their wedding cake after their marriage in Beverly Hills, California. Nora obtained a divorce from actor Errol Flynn in Las Vegas, Nevada, while Haymes was divorced by actress Joanne Dru in Reno.—(AP Picture).

ATLANTIC DEFENCE TALKS

Frankfurt, July 31.—The military organisation proposed under the North Atlantic Pact will be discussed at a series of important conferences beginning in Frankfurt on Monday between the American Army, Navy and Air Force chiefs of staff and senior officers of the Italian and Luxembourg armed forces.

The U. S. Chiefs of Staff are General Omar N. Bradley, Admiral Louis Denfeld, and General Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

They arrived in Frankfurt by plane on Saturday and spent their first day conferring with Mr John J. McCloy, U. S. Military Governor and High Commissioner in Germany.

After their Italian and Luxembourg conferences, the U. S. chiefs will inspect the Berlin airlift operations at Tempelhof airport, then visit U. S. Army headquarters in Heidelberg for further talks with U. S. commanders in Germany.

On Tuesday, they will review U. S. Army and Air Forces at the Grafenwohr training centre, then fly to London for talks with British military leaders. Later, they will visit Paris and Vienna.—Associated Press.

Wants Atomic Secrets Kept

Washington, July 31.—Senator Kenneth Wherry, Republican of Nebraska, demanded today that Congress legally prevent the exchange of atomic bomb secrets with other nations.

Mr Wherry said in a statement that a "gentleman's agreement" between President Harry Truman and members of the Senate-House Atomic Committee is all that bars the transfer of secrets to Britain and Canada.

Senator Wherry said that Congress "ought to pass legislation to make certain that atomic bomb secrets are securely locked and not left to gentlemen's agreements."

He said that loopholes in the present law, which may permit the giving of secrets to other nations, ought to be plugged.—Associated Press.

But Winnie Did Not Get Wet

Gardone, Italy, July 31.—The motor boat in which Mr Winston Churchill was riding sprang a leak and sank but the former British Premier failed to get wet.

Mr Churchill barely had time to transfer to another craft with his entourage when the boat in which he was crossing the lake to the eastern shore sank several yards off the jetty in front of his hotel. The second boat brought him safely to S. Vigilio Point where he painted the landscape.—United Press.

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Yugoslav Press Condemns Methods Of Vatican

Belgrade, July 31.—In an important challenge of the Roman Catholic Church, Yugoslavia's official press condemned today the Vatican excommunication of Communists as an attempt to use religion as a "political tool of the reactionaries."

The newspaper, Borba, which speaks for Marshal Tito's Communist government, published an article describing the excommunication decree as a move aimed at the world's progressive forces and as a Vatican revival of Middle Ages methods.

To some degree the article followed the pattern of an attack upon the Catholic Church elsewhere in Europe's Communist dominated countries.

The article said the Vatican helped the Fascists during the war and did nothing to halt mass killing under the excuse that it did not want to mix in politics.

The paper contended that this argument was abandoned after the war, but argued that the Vatican position is doomed to fail because it is defending a lost cause.

It added that excommunications could not frighten people who are conscious of fighting for a better life.

The Catholic Church is the second largest in Yugoslavia and speaks on religious questions for about a fourth or third of the people, mostly in Slovenia and Croatia.

Biggest numerically is the Serbian Orthodox Church, which counts close to two-thirds of the population as followers.—Associated Press.

U.S. Guides' Colours Dedicated

Bexhill, Sussex, July 31.—In the 1,200-year-old Church of St. Peter's here today, members of Troop 65, Washington, D. C., Senior Service Girl Scouts, attending an international Girl Guides camp at Bexhill, had their Colours dedicated.

The Star and Stripes were borne into the Church by Nancy Hamilton, escorted by H. R. T. Hawes and Peggy Wilson. The Union Jack, carried by Bexhill Girl Guides, lay on the altar throughout the special service, which ended with a prayer for international goodwill from the American Prayer Book.

Canon W. Godfrey Bell, the Rector, said: "I should like to think that when English Girl Guides pay a return visit to America they will take their Colours with them and ask that they be dedicated in an American church."

Miss Seth Smith, leader of the American contingent, and Assistant Headmistress of the Potomac School, Washington, was in the congregation.—Reuter.

French Assembly On Vacation

Paris, July 31.—France's National Assembly adjourned today for 11 weeks' vacation, making it virtually certain that the Quinquennial Cabinet will be the first to last over a year under the Fourth Republic.

The Assembly will meet again on October 18.

Premier Quinquennial's middle of the road coalition took office on September 12, 1948 and has already served longer than any other since the war.—Associated Press.

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TIGHTENING SECURITY IN KOREA

Seoul, July 31.—The United States Military Mission in Korea was urged drastically to tighten measures today in face of reports that secret agents were flowing into the Republic in increasing numbers from the Russian puppet state in the north.

At the same time, a fierce artillery duel, in a "test of strength," was reported to be going on between the troops of the anti-Communist Republic and the Communist northern state in the neighbourhood of Kyesong.

Today these developments pictured Korea as being on the eve of major armed strife.

1. A warning was issued that secret American codes were being endangered by increasing laxness on the part of personnel in the United States Mission in Korea. The warning was issued by Richard A. Ladd, chief of the security branch.

2. A high Korean official, who would not allow his name to be published, estimated that there are at present at least 2,000 trained Communist agents from the North Korean regime active in the United States sponsored Southern Korean Republic. He said some of the Communist agents are armed, and at present their infiltration route is concentrated along the Korean east coast due to heavier precautions on the west coast.

At the same time the Government's Office of Public Information made public statistics covering the period between December 12, 1948, and June 25, 1949, showing that North Korean forces involving 21,058 rebels "made 212" invasions of South Korean territory.—United Press.

U.S. Training Cruise

Washington, July 31.—The Navy announced today that 10 Naval vessels headed by the battleship, Missouri, will leave on a training cruise to France on Wednesday.—United Press.

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